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# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

September 24, 2019

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump,

I write to express my support for a U.S. refugee policy that recognizes our great nation's capacity and willingness to welcome people fleeing violence and persecution around the world. I also want to voice concern about reports that your administration is considering setting the fiscal year 2020 refugee admission ceiling at zero.

Our country resettled only 22,491 refugees during fiscal year 2018 and set the worldwide refugee ceiling to only 30,000 individuals for fiscal year 2019. Both of these numbers are record lows since the establishment of our current refugee admissions program in 1980.

America has shown time and again that we have the capacity to welcome people seeking refuge to our country without sacrificing either our national security or economic opportunity for American citizens. Before entering the United States, prospective refugees undergo a thorough and lengthy screening process to ensure their admissibility to our country is warranted and that they meet grounds for health, security, public charge, and documentation.

What's more, my home state of Utah has shown that refugees add to economic expansion when they have the opportunity to contribute to our communities and workplaces. My state has a proud legacy of bipartisan support for a robust resettlement program and of engagement from our faith communities to welcome those fleeing violence and persecution.

I therefore urge you to set a robust worldwide refugee ceiling that reflects our country's great capacity for resettling those seeking refuge and to direct all agencies working with prospective and admitted refugees to ensure the country meets that admission level. I welcome any further discussion of this issue and thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben McAdams".

Ben McAdams  
Member of Congress